

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 837

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to clarify the definition of the term “underground injection”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2005

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.**

4 Section 1421(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 300h(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and  
6 inserting the following:

7 “(1) DEFINITION OF UNDERGROUND INJEC-  
8 TION.—

1                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘under-  
2                   ground injection’ means the subsurface em-  
3                   placement of fluids by well injection.

4                   “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘under-  
5                   ground injection’ does not include—

6                   “(i) the underground injection of nat-  
7                   ural gas for purposes of storage; or

8                   “(ii) the underground injection of  
9                   fluids or propping agents pursuant to hy-  
10                  draulic fracturing operations relating to oil  
11                  or gas production activities.”.

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